

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. by Board President Elliott.

Roll Call: Present: Park Board members, Pat Elliott, Kathryn Lewandowski, Larry Hallett, Allicia Woodhouse, Brad Wegner, Gary Manning, County Board, Parks & Rec Dir. Jodi Mieden.
Absent- Mark Chambers, City Council

1. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting(s) in lieu of printed copies and approve the same.

Motion by Manning to approve the minutes. Second by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible approval on the following Sanctioned Recreation Group:

A. Richland Center Youth Baseball and Softball

All members agree that there have been no issues with the group in the past and they represent a large population of kids every summer. They work well with RARYS/MAYSA Spring soccer to share fields. Motion by Lewandowski to approve the sanctioned group. Second by Hallett. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible approval of a fee discount/waiver for Ocooch Mountain Humane Society's events: Spring Plant Sale, Rummage Romp, and Paws Fur the Holidays.

The board asked what the group has paid in the past. Mieden reported that they were given the original Non-Profit discount and had provided a summer program pre-covid times. The board denied the full waiver request but decided on giving a 25% off Non-profit discount in lieu of adding in the summer programming as in the past. Mieden will notify the group of the discount and work with them to schedule a camp for the upcoming summer brochure. Motion by Hallett to approve the discounted fees in lieu of summer programming. Second by Woodhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible approval of a fee discount/waiver for G.R.A.C.E. events: Walk Around the World with G.R.A.C.E. kickoff potluck and the RACE for G.R.A.C.E. ¼ mile, 1 mile, 5k, 10k.

Allen Kaszubski was on hand to talk about the events in question. It was noted that the Walk with G.R.A.C.E. has always had a standing no fee agreement due to the extent of community interest that goes along with it. Allen explained that the G.R.A.C.E. Board was working hard to educate and get the community excited about fitness by tracking it virtually throughout our National Parks. They are really trying to strengthen community health, involvement, and prevention. The group wishes to provide participants with a free healthy meal and a virtual slideshow of progress, while highlighting cancer prevention and empowering them to track their fitness in a fun and engaging way.

The Recreation Department will co-sponsor the event and the waived fee will be our in-kind sponsorship contribution. Allen discussed the RACE for G.R.A.C.E. details. He would like to reserve the Dr. Meyer shelter for packet pick-up on May 17th (½ day), and the race on May 18th (full day). There are many sponsorship opportunities and Mieden is on the planning committee. The Board decided to co-sponsor the event with work done in-kind, and the cost of the shelter was paid for by Brad Wegner of Brad, Kevin & Jewell's Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning as a sponsorship for his business.

Motion by waive the fee for the kickoff dinner in lieu of in-kind work done by the Recreation Department. Second by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider approval of contract with Chrome Fireworks & Displays, LLC for City Fireworks for June 29, 2024.

The Board discussed the community event being very well attended in the past and has always been a quality fireworks show for the City. Mieden said that discussion with Chrome concluded with the fact that prices continue to go up and our show just gets shorter so raising our budget by \$2000.00 would ensure a great show again in 2024. Motion by Wegner to approve the contract as presented. Second by Manning. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of payment of monthly bills:

Motion by Lewandowski to approve payment of the monthly bills. Second by Hallett. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

- A. Senior Coordinator:** Heffner submitted written report stating the Senior Center received \$770.00 in donations from the Jeanette Brewer family in memory of Jeanette's love and dedication to the Woodman Senior Center. Total collected for coffee this year was \$490.00, as well as \$104.00 for two scholarship euchre tourneys held. Urban Scenic travel commissions were \$216.00 and Diamond Jo trips netted \$600.00. There will be a special bingo event sponsored by the Senior Solutions group from the Richland Hospital as well.
- B. Parks and Recreation Director:** Mieden reported that the pre-season holiday pool pass sale had been good this year with 38 total passes sold already, 33 family and 5 individual. This surpassed last year by 9 passes. The staff Christmas party was a success and plans for an employee family pool party, June 9th are in the works as well as the 2024 Christmas party. We were able to use the savings from recovering the entry furniture to purchase a new projector in the gym. The maintenance department will be using the extra fabric from the job to recover the Meyer shelter chairs and repaint, as they are in dire need of a facelift. Quotes were received to add a lock to the splash pad frog feature to keep the spray facing into the concrete area to hopefully alleviate the constant mud hole on the side. Mieden also talked about getting quotes for the pool sound system and possible alternative solutions for 2024. The maintenance department is in the process of painting the Community Center between snowfalls and have finished the meeting room and entry coat closet and have started to lower half of the main corridor. They will paint the kitchen, Senior room, and kitchenette, as well as the main offices. The top of the main corridor will remain as is until they rent a lift.



Mieden reported that the Kiwanis Club inquired about future needs/projects, and it was requested to get some quotes for shading options near the splash pad. Wegner requested extra picnic tables for the green spaces inside the pool for more seating. The hot water heater needed to be replaced this week and the maintenance department took care of it right away.

Park Board President's report. Elliott had nothing to report.

Reports, requests, etc. Hallett requested the walking trail through North Park is heavily traveled and may need updating with screenings/gravel. Woodhouse mentioned that a happy community member thanked her for the new picnic table that was placed at the top of Miner Hill Trails lookout. The table had been looking pretty neglected.

Adjournment.

Motion by Hallett to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Manning.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jodi Mieden.